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Concord, Va., R. F. D. 2, Dec. 27.- Here's hoping everyone had a happy christmas and will have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings left last Thursday for Foley, Alabama, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Spain and Rev. Spain and family.

There seems to be lots of sickness around. Miss Delia Stratton continues ill. Mr. O. R. Turnes was rushed back to the Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday P. M. Mr. Turnes had attended Sunday School at Hebron Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, of Tennessee visited his mother, Mrs. J. B. Taylor and brother, Marvin and Mrs. Taylor for the holidays. Other members of the family visited in the same home on Christmas day, including Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor, and family, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. B. B. Stratton and family, of Stonewall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maxey and baby, of Richmond are visiting their relatives here and near Rustburg.

Miss Virginia Herndon entertained a number of her friends for dinner Christmas night. Her guests included Misses Margaret Stratton, Anne Thomas, Mildred Morgan, and Enid Harding, W. E. Bondurant, Jr., Kelly Stratton and Calvin Tanner.

Guests in the home of Clayton Drinkard for Christmas dinner Monday included Paul Drinkard, of Cisco Tickett, Glenn Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drinkard, Mrs. F. E. Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Drinkard, of Concord.

Miss Annie Alvis, of Richmond, Va., is here for the holidays, visiting her brother, John P. Alvis, Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Evans, at Appomattox.

Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Betty, of Crewe are spending this week with the former's mother, Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Griffo is named U. S. ambassador to Franco Spain.

Uncle Sam Says

Here's your answer on what to do for Christmas — Give the Present with a Future, U. S. Savings Bonds. Bond buying is the easiest shopping you can imagine, they're available at any bank, post office, or where you work. So, this Christmas, make your gift mean more than ever before. GIVE U. S. SAVINGS BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS!

U. S. Treasury Department

Lawyer Maps a Way To Get Treasure Out of Old Pirates

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Ralph Odom, a lawyer, has come up with a new way of making money out of hunting pirate treasure.

Odom began a hobby of drawing maps of pirate treasures when his son asked him to draw a hidden treasure chart. Now the hobby has turned into a profitable sideline.

He's selling lithographed Florida maps showing where pirates and "other more honest men" reportedly buried, or lost, 165 million dollars of their loot, largely from the Spanish Main.

Odom, a former newspaperman who is now an assistant attorney general of Florida, doesn't guarantee that each "X" marks the spot where hidden treasure lies.

"If that were so," he commented, "I'd go dig it up myself."

Odom does say that his treasure locations are based on research in the Library of Congress and other storehouses of knowledge.

Treasure definitely is being found off the Florida coast. A Miami diver brought up five 60-pound silver bars from waters near Miami early this year.

A huge pile of elephant tusks were spotted by two fishing parties off Marathon key, south of Miami in June. A diver brought up 25 of the tusks, a bar of silver and ship relics indicating a Spanish galleon.

Such names as Billy Bowlegs, Henry Morgan, Blackbeard, Jean LaFitte and Black Caesar dot the map depicting the legendary location of their bloody loot. Several notations point out that some treasure already has been found, but that much is believed to remain.

Not all of the treasure is precious metal. One "X" on the Apalachicola river in Florida's northwest panhandle shows where 1,500 gallons of rum went to the river bottom in an 1865 shipwreck. The rum "probably is in as good or better shape than ever," the chart notes.

King Ranch has Automobile To Do Wrangling in Style

KINGSVILLE, Tex. — Richard Kleberg, boss of King ranch, the biggest one in the United States, has had a special luxury automobile made for use in roundups and hunting.

The custom built automobile has: A wrangler's seat, mounted on the right front fender. It is complete with an airplane type safety belt.

Triple gun holders, built into the body on each side of the driver's seat.

A stainless steel game holder attached to the left side of the hood. Storage space for ammunition under the front and back seats.

Water storage tanks in recessed racks under the front fenders.

A two way radio to maintain communication with the ranch house.

A complete refreshment bar and refrigerator concealed in the rear passenger space.

Silver trimmed handrails on the dashboard and the rear of the front seat for passengers' use when the going is rough.

The car was made with the idea of chasing cattle and game across rough, roadless country at speeds up to 60 miles an hour. Tires are oversized for surer grip in loose sand. A hydraulic power mechanism assists steering through dunes.

The car floor is covered, appropriately enough, with calf hide.

Hearings are set on proposed revisions in draft law.

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Planes Displace Ships in Moving U. S. Wounded

WASHINGTON, D. C. — For the first time in history the airplane has replaced ships and trains for moving war wounded from the battle area to hospitals and then to home.

The army retired two hospital ships and a hospital train a year ago. The navy still has hospital ships, but they are used in Korea as floating medical centers, standing off ports and as transportation for the short haul across the Japan Sea to trans-Pacific airbases.

Since the start of Korean fighting, well over 7,000 patients have been flown to the United States from Pacific bases by the military air transport service, which provides airlift for all the services.

In effect, flying casualties home does not cost anything. MATS planes are very quickly convertible from cargo to ambulance duty. They haul men, ammunition or critical machine parts to the war theater, and return with sick and injured in litters filled along the cabin walls.

Speed Is Essential

Air evacuation looks good for everyone: Doctors say it is better for patients; economists say it is cheaper; combat leaders say it eases the demand for skilled personnel and supplies in war zones; patients like it, and so do their families. All for the same reason —speed.

Through most of the Korea fighting, wounded have had to be evacuated first to rear areas and then to Japan to board planes for the Pacific hop.

Some of that travel has been entirely by air from the muddy battlefield to huge hospitals in the United States. For hundreds it began with being picked up by helicopters where the medical corpsmen found them. The whirligig took them to a small airfield behind the lines, and there a two-engine transport plane picked them up for the flight to Japan. From Japan they crossed the Pacific in less than 40 hours of flying. At west coast bases they were assigned to other planes that took them to specialized hospitals or general hospitals near their homes.

Over Million Moved

Air evacuation is not new, but the policy of using it as the major method on a world basis is a first for the United States. The first battlefront evacuation of wounded is credited to a French doctor at Amiens in World War I.

A marine major and an army captain cooperated in America's first military movement of patients by air in 1918. They converted a "Jenny" trainer into an ambulance and used it several times.

Germany and Italy flew many casualties home during the Spanish civil war. Russia, Germany, England, Canada, Australia and France used air evacuation in varying degrees during World War II. The United States, despite a late start, moved 1,360,000 patients by air during the war.

Chilean City Completely Fooled by 'Disk' Hoax

SANTIAGO, Chile—The people of Santiago were completely taken in recently by one of the best planned hoaxes in years. At daybreak a "flying saucer," 25 feet in diameter, with its side wings smashed, was discovered near the summit of a thousand foot high hill in the center of the city.

One morning newspaper, in a special extra, emerged with five inch headlines proclaiming: "Flying disk falls on San Cristibal hill." Thousands marched all day long to the location. The story said "men of fire" made up the crew of the weird machine, which fell, it was affirmed, at 5:15 a.m. amid a flash of light.

Crowds endeavoring to approach the machine were held back by a huge cordon of stern faced armed police who warned of possible danger.

It turned out, however, to be a prank of some Santiago students celebrating their annual spring festival.

Rabbit Foot 'Charm' Is Off to Fourth Conflict

SAN MARCOS, Tex.—Bill Dibrell, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Dibrell, started off for the army recently and with him he took the family's good luck "charm".

The left hind foot of a jack rabbit is the "charm". It dates back to 1916 when Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell were both correspondents covering the Pancho Villa campaign along the Mexican border.

Dibrell killed a rabbit and presented its left hind foot to Mrs. Dibrell. She carried it during the Villa campaign.

Her brother, Ed Caroian, borrowed the foot and took it to France during World War I.

In World War II the foot was dragged out of the family keep-sake box for Kellis, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Dibrell.

Recently, when Bill left home for his induction into the army, Mrs. Dibrell dug out the rabbit foot again and presented it to him.

Soldiers Work Miracle For Small Blind Boy

CHORRERA, Panama—Members of the 504th field artillery batallion stationed in Panama have made a miracle come true.

The miracle was for blind, fatherless four-year-old Coco Ramos, who had never slept in a bed, sat on a chair or eaten at a table.

Coco was born blind into a bush family, living in the jungle near Chorrera. Their home was the crudest type of jungle hut without furniture. Most of the time Coco and the three other children in the family ran naked because they had no clothing.

An American learned of Coco's condition and took him to a doctor to see if anything could be done for him. Nothing was possible, but the men of the 504th field artillery batallion heard about him.

Contribute Material

They contributed money for building materials, Panama business firms added some items. To permit the duty free entrance of the materials from the Canal Zone into Panama, the American embassy made a special arrangement with the Panama government.

The mayor of Chorrera deeded two and a half acres of land on the outskirts of the village to Coco with the village priest to act as trustee until the child became of age.

Then the 504th went to work. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons they cleared off the lot, built a trim, modern house.

On the Sunday after the house was finished an army truck went out into the "bush" and moved in the Ramos family—the widowed Mrs. Ramos, Jose Paulo, 7, the 4-year-old twins, Coco and Jose Alfonso, and the baby, Dilma. I. Army wives collected shoes and clothing for the naked children and some articles of apparel for Mrs. Ramos.

Inside the house the Ramos family found beds, chairs and a table, drapes in the windows and a tablecloth—all matters of wonder.

Soldiers Attend Party

One hundred fifty soldiers and their wives attended the house warming for the family. The 504th provided the meal which included chicken and rice, breaded veal cutlets, beans, green peas, a tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit cocktail, layer cake and coffee.

Never before in its life had the Ramos family had such a feast. It ate, too, for the first time with silverware off plates. Those wonderful things the family was allowed to keep.

The affairs of the family are settled for more than the moment. The men of the 504th have pledged to contribute $30 to $40 a month indefinitely to make sure the family can eat well in the luxury of its modern home.

That is the miracle of Chorrera.

Corn Believed 800 Years Old Unearthed in Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—University of Illinois archeologists report they have unearthed a handful of corn more than 800 years old.

Prof. John C. McGregor said the corn was discovered on the site of an ancient Hopewell Indian village, mixed with broken pottery, stone spear points and knives, and other items which definitely date the corn.

It is the oldest ever found in Illinois, and possibly the midwest. The kernels, blackened by fire and time, are about the size of present day popcorn or sweet corn, and considerably smaller than modern field corn.

Four-Year-Old Boy Saves Father Stricken in Bath

ATLANTA, Ga. — Alton Lyon, 4, saved his father's life.

The four-year-old was told to "watch your daddy" by his mother while she went out.

The boy's father, J. T. Lyon, had suffered three recent heart attacks. While Mrs. Lyon was taking Alton's brother, 5, to kindergarten, Lyon had another attack while taking a bath.

"I couldn't wake him up and he was going under the water," Alton said, "so I pulled the plug and the water went away. I guess I remembered how mommy lets the water out of the tub when it gets too deep for me."

Mother Tells Why There's Never Dull Moment at Home

LaPORTE, Ind.—There's never a dull moment when there are children in the house, a LaPorte mother claims. Within four weeks this happened to her:

Daughter Sally blew into a strange dog's face and it knocked one of her front teeth out.

Son Bobby came running home minus his pants, saying someone stole them.

Daughter Dottie helped break an expensive sun-parlor window.

Daughter Sue cut her foot on the glass.

The baby of the family broke out with Chicken-pox.

Her husband's boss and wife dropped in unexpectedly.

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